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New White Fleet Is Sound Idea

EXTENSION OF REMARKS
OF

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HARGIS. Mr. Speaker, I was very favorably impressed by Comdr. Frank Manson's proposal for a new White Fleet, as outlined in the July 27 issue of Life magazine, and I am happy to endorse and support such a potentially worthwhile venture. Life's graphic and dramatic presentation of the idea should capture the imagination of a great many readers, and thus assure widespread popular approval.

Certainly the relatively low expenditure required for preparing and operating such a fleet should be a sound investment, not only from the standpoint of invaluable services rendered to people in distress, but as a means of boosting American prestige abroad. The use of inactive Navy ships and stored surplus foods for this purpose would, in my opinion, be an extremely practical approach to the problem of assisting the

needy peoples of the world. I am in full agreement with the quoted comment of my Oklahoma colleague, Congressman Ed EDMONDSON, that this "makes a lot more sense than some parts of our foreign aid program."

I intend to do my full share in helping to make the new White Fleet a reality.

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